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And gladness to the soul it brings.
By the harsh ways no soul is blest,
But rather do they leave a sting.

This life is but a span of years—
Short years for mortals here to stay,
Then do the things which ever cheer,
And spread heart-gladness o'er the way.

St. Louis, Mo. Albert E. Vassar.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Prolific Cactus.—Mrs. Snyder, of near Perry, Pennsylvania, has a Christmas Cactus of which the village paper says: "The plant is 12 feet around and has 1,500 perfect flowers and as many buds, while enough were picked for a solid pillow, and 200 for friends. It is a beautiful sight, well worth going a long distance to see."

Not "Floral" Boys.—Mr. Park:—Get after those boys who shoot birds "just for fun." I found a red bird and a ground bird today, each with but one wing, and both nearly starved. I have them in my hospital now. They have made up with my Canaries and seem to be happy, although they are pitiful objects. K. H.

Lyon Co., Kan., May 30, 1908.

NOTE.—Certainly no boy who reads the Magazine would be guilty of such a crime as to shoot or cripple our little song-birds, and no refined woman would allow her sons to do so if she knew it. The best way to teach cruel boys not to harm birds is to turn them over to the mercy of the law. This is good for parents as well as boys, and a few administrations of justice will have a far better effect than the occasional pleadings of moral suasion.—ED.

QUESTION.

House Plants and Vines.—What house plants can stand the winter best in a cold house, and what will keep in a dug-out during quite cold weather. If kept in a dug-out they need water, and how often? Could I keep Fuchsias and Heliotropes in this way through winter? Also, kindly tell me what vines will do best and grow fast in a hot, dry, windy country like this in summer. I shall much appreciate answers to these questions.—Mrs. Phelps, Oklahoma.

NOTE.—Will someone who has had experience in Oklahoma and similar states kindly reply through the Magazine?—ED.

HYACINTHS ^A_N^D TULIPS AT A SACRIFICE!

HYACINTHS.—Hyacinths are, without doubt, the finest and most desirable spring blooming bulbs. They are perfectly hardy, and can be planted at any time the ground can be worked. Indeed, I have set the bulbs over the frozen ground and dug earth from a bank to cover them, and had a glorious display of bloom in the spring. For a rich artistic effect no spring flower can equal the Hyacinth. The flowers are graceful, showy, waxy in texture and deliciously fragrant. The expense of the bulbs is all that keeps them from becoming more popular, and this month I take away that barrier by offering fine bulbs of the most healthy and beautiful varieties at half price—nay—one-third the price at which most dealers sell the bulbs. Just note the following marvelous offer:

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GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Lanc. Co. Pa.

NOTE.—If you cannot bed these bulbs now, place in a shallow box of moist earth and keep in the cellar till spring, then bed them. If possible, however, put in the bed at once. Both Hyacinths and Tulips should be set five inches apart and four inches deep, and the soil well-firmed, then spread stable litter thickly over the bed. The bulbs will not bloom as early as earlier planted bulbs, but the display will be as fine, if not finer, than those planted earlier.

When ordering these Hyacinths why not add 50 cents for the offer on Title page. You will not regret it. All of these bulbs are most acceptable and lasting and enjoyable Christmas presents. Why not order them for that purpose? No orders filled till after December 3d.



TULIPS.--

Last Month I Offered five collections of Tulips —A. B. C. D. and E. with a collection of Orchid Iris, 52 bulbs for 75 cents, and that was a bargain, for the

bulbs were listed in collections at 90 cents.



To close out my stock, however, I will mail one lot of each of the Tulip collections, making in all 42 bulbs, and three collections of the Orchid Iris (30 bulbs), the Tulips and Iris aggregating 72 bulbs, all guaranteed in first-class condition, all for **75c**. At this price I will deliver the bulbs either by mail or express, prepaid. It will take from 15 to 20 cents to pay postage on this big lot of bulbs, so you see they are offered at much less than cost. It's a sacrifice, but the bulbs must go. I may not be able to supply all my friends at this price, but first come first served. Don't delay. The bulbs will make a magnificent bed of spring bloom. If the ground is frozen, simply place them over the surface and get soil from some unfrozen bank to cover them. Set five inches apart and cover four inches deep, then put stable litter over the surface. Two lots—144 bulbs, also a fine Lily bulb, all for **\$1.50**.

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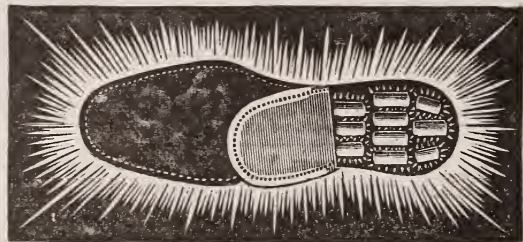
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DECEMBER.

Oh, December, thou art fierce and cold,
Yet thy days doth swiftly glide;
For they in spite of snow and sleet,
Bring the merry Christmas tide,
We will fill the house with cheer,
For thou com'st but once a year.
Norfolk Co., Mass. Lucretia Banks Zastre.

ABOUT ORCHIDS.

THE ORCHID family is a rather large one, and its members are, as a class, rare and beautiful. Some are aerial or air plants, while the majority are terrestrial, or grow in earth. Some are hardy, but most of the finer ones are tropical. They are distinct in appearance, and readily distinguished by the intelligent botanist. All are perennial herbs with fleshy roots; all have simple, entire, parallel-veined leaves; all have irregular flowers; all have three petals, three sepals, and three stamens, and all, or nearly all hold their flowers inverted by the twisting of the stem-like ovary. By noting these five points even the novice may be able to designate the order from the plant and flower.

At the North the most beautiful and popular of our Native Orchids are *Cypripedium* and *Orchis*, including the various species of *Habenaria*, which are often classed as *Orchis*. These grow freely in moist woods and meadows, and are perfectly hardy. The most beautiful of the Native *Cypripedium*s are *C. spectabilis*,

C. acaule and *C. pubescens*, though all are beautiful, and will grow under cultivation. *Calypso borealis*, *Apictrum hyemale* or Putty-root, *Spiranthes* or Ladies tresses, *Goodyera* or Rattlesnake Plantain, and *Arethusa bulbosa* are all common in mountainous districts in the East, and interesting and beautiful in habit and flower.

As a rule the choice tropical kinds are found only in hot-houses and greenhouses. Their culture for flowers is a profitable business near large cities, as the flowers are exquisite in form and color, and are highly prized by those who can afford to buy them. Their culture is special, and only those who have ample facilities and make their wants a study, meet with success. The aerial or sub-aerial are grown in baskets of peat and moss, as shown in the engraving. The mere mention of *Vanda*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Dendrobium*, *Miltonia*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Oncidium*, *Masdevallia*, *Odontoglossum*, and *Cypripedium* will light up the eye of an Orchid enthusiast, and give him visions of Orchid beauty and fragrance.

The wild garden can be enriched by carefully transplanted specimens from our mountains and meadows, but until the amateur has facilities for growing the tropical sorts, he will have to be contented with the beauty of the specimens exhib-

ited at shows, or obtained from the flower stores, as they are not generally successful in the house under window treatment.



CATTELEYA TRIANAÆ.

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

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Circulation Bulletin.

Number of copies printed of Park's Floral Magazine, as indicated by press counters, for November, 456,230.

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Lilies in Pots.—In potting Lilies set the bulbs two inches or more beneath the soil. The larger the pot, the larger will be the plant. Auratum, Speciosum, Longiforum and Brownii are all suitable for pot culture. After potting water and set in a dark closet or cellar, keeping the soil moist till roots form and the tops start, when the pots may be brought to a cool window, say in January or February, if early started. The Lilies named are not suitable for winter-blooming, but will bloom in the spring if treated as suggested. The Amazon Lily (Eucharis), may be similarly cared for, but requires more heat, as it comes from a warm country.

Fertile Fern Fronds.—Most of the Ferns bear their spores upon the under side of the fronds, and the spore-clusters are often taken for insects or the growth of a fungus. A few, however, develop spore-fronds that differ materially from the ordinary fronds, the stems being erect, and bearing a bundle of brown spore-clusters at the summit. Where such fronds are objectionable they can be cut away without detriment to the plant. As a rule they are unsightly, as they appear at a distance as brown and dead parts of the plant.

Vase Begonias.—Begonias grown in a vase may be potted just before frost comes and transferred to the house. If they are of the Semperflorens class they will soon recover their growth and continue to bloom.

SPOTTED CALLA.

SPOTTED CALLA is a summer-blooming plant, and should be rested in winter.

In the fall set the pot in a frost-proof cellar or room and withhold water from it till spring. Then, when danger of frost is past bed it out in a rather sunny place and mulch the soil about it on the approach of hot weather with stable litter. Or, if preferred, repot it, giving it a larger pot, and rich, porous soil. In either case the plant will almost invariably bloom during summer.



SPOTTED CALLA.

Tulips.—These increase by bulblets which issue from the side of the larger bulbs. Under certain conditions, too, the larger bulbs split up into smaller ones. In a well-drained, sunny bed the bulbs will live and increase from year to year, but should be lifted, divided and reset every third year, as the clumps become too much crowded to thrive and bloom well.

Ants.—When ants appear upon a plant examine it carefully, for you may find it affected with lice, scale, or other insects. If infested sponge the leaves clean with hot tobacco tea to which has been added enough soap to make a suds. To get rid of the ants place a layer of chopped tobacco stems around the plant, and sprinkle with borax.

A Blush Rose.—There is a hardy summer-blooming blush Rose, beautiful in bud and bloom, but only a few of the first buds develop. There seems to be no good remedy for this. Avoid top-pruning, except to remove dead or sickly branches, and in the spring mulch the soil about the plant with old manure.

Rose Beetles.—"The long-legged, gray-colored beetle that appeared in handfuls upon every rose-bud, and ruined the crop of bloom" is known as rose-beetle. Sprinkle the buds every morning with a solution of hellebore, in proportion of one ounce of the fresh drug to three gallons of water.

Non-Blooming Calla.—Bed your non-blooming Calla in a sunny garden bed in the spring, and let Nature care for it till fall, then repot in rich soil in a well drained pot. Thus treated it will hardly fail to bloom during the winter.

GODETIAS.

THESE are no more showy bedding plants grown in Europe than the various hybrid varieties of Godetia. The great fields of them as seen at various seed gardens there the past summer were gorgeous and beautiful beyond description. Great blocks of white, rose and crimson dazzled the eye with their masses of bright color. Nothing in gardens could have made a richer display. In this country the plants can be grown, but usually they begin to bloom during the hot months, and do not attain the beauty they do in the cool, moist climate of Europe. They are treated as annuals, and are easily grown from seeds sown during



Godetia.

the spring months.

Godetias are found native in California. They belong to the Primrose family, and are often classed as species of Oenothera in botanical works. The plants usually grow a foot tall, and bear clusters of four-petaled, often blotched, flowers at the summit of strong, erect branches. The little engraving represents a flower and bud, with a spray of the pretty green foliage, which so amply clothes the branches, and forms such a charming back-ground for the masses of bloom.

Tuberoses Not Blooming.—More Tuberoses fail to bloom from too early planting than from any other cause. The flower germ is very sensitive, and quickly decays when the surrounding conditions are unfavorable. Get good bulbs and start them slowly in pots of moist (not wet) earth in the house, or else keep the bulbs till the first of June and bed them out, setting them five or six inches deep in a rather sunny place. If the buds seem inclined to blast mulch the soil with manure. As a rule, however, the sun or heat is not objectionable to late planted bulbs, for they will not bloom till just before frost. With proper care almost every bulb of even moderate size will produce a fine spike of flowers.

Lilac Enemy.—A lady at Buffalo, N. Y., complains of worms destroying her Lilac bushes by eating into the wood. She should gouge them out with a wire, just as the orchardist removes the borers from his apple trees. There is really no other way to reach them without destroying the trees.

Ponderosa Lemon.—This plant is liable to drop its fruit if the drainage is insufficient, or the water supply either too small or too great. It likes a sunny place.

PHYSOSTEGIA VIRGINIANA.

THE illustration represents a leaf and flower-spike sent me as a pressed specimen with the following note:

Mr. Editor:—I enclose a leaf and bloom from a perennial that I had not seen for more than thirty years, although diligently searched for. We used to call it Lady of the Lake. Will you please name it for me?—Mrs. H. E. Stevens, Shelburn Falls, Sept. 25, 1903.

Upon examination the name was found to be *Physostegia Virginiana*. The plant grows two feet high, clothed with firm, narrow, sharply-serrated leaves and crowned with dense spikes from four to eight inches long, of purplish showy flowers, which curiously remain in whatever position they are turned. The plant is a hardy perennial found in the East in moist ground, from Quebec to Texas, and is thought to have escaped from gardens. The species is readily distinguished from others by the hairy filaments, indicated in the drawing. The peculiar form of the pistil is shown in the little figure at the left. I noticed what I believed to be the same plant in a seed garden at Erfurt, Germany, growing under the name of *Physostegia speciosa*, and it is sometimes known in botany as *Dracocephalum speciosum*. The common name is False Dragon's Head.



Physostegia Virginiana.

Bougainvillea.—This plant should be given plenty of pot-room in summer, and encouraged to make a liberal growth. In autumn give less water and copious sunshine, to ripen the wood. In winter give a sunny window and a moderate supply of water, and every branch should become a wreath of purple. It is one of the most desirable of tender shrubs for late winter and early spring flowers.

Fish Worms.—These may be eradicated by allowing the soil to become almost dry, just so the plant is not injured, then applying lime water to the soil. Any worms that come to the surface can be removed. Patting the soil after watering, too, will often bring the worms to the surface.

Easter Lilies and Tulips.—The reason the buds of these blast is that the atmosphere is too dry and warm. They are rarely satisfactory in the hands of the ordinary amateur cultivator.

Keeping Gladiolus.—These may be kept in a dry, frost-proof cellar, or in a cool closet. They are as easily kept as a potato.

EDITORIAL LETTER.



THE NEXT morning the sun arose in the East as if emerging from the distant sea, and sent his bright, warm rays over the vast expanse of moving water. How grand and sublime was the scene! Dark, swelling waves appeared on every hand, glistening in the sunlight, and

crowned here and there by caps of fleecy white foam that winked as the eye of a great sea monster. A clear, azure sky was reflected in the mass of water, and flying, silvery clouds gave a yellowish tinge where their reflection was apparent. Pure, majestic and delightful were the surroundings. I found my favorite place upon the prow of the large boat, and there, alone, and in silence, I spent that morning, and many days during the voyage. Sweet and invigorating was the free ocean breeze, as I sat for hours looking out over the sea—over the sea! For it is true, as Byron said:

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods;
There is a rapture on the lonely shore;
There is society where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar;
I love not man the less, but Nature more."

At times, for several days, could be seen long lines of gold and silver and green and chocolate or bronze-blue, stretching north and south upon the surface for miles and miles—appearing in the distance like an endless, striped path through the great deep. What do you suppose this was? Well, when the boat crossed I found it was a growth of sea-plants of various colors, according to the shade indicated. Some appeared as millions of strings loosely but thickly dangling and swaying in the deep, dark water; others appeared as little balls or inky drops in countless numbers; and others were coarse and green and mossy. These ribbons of color were from fifty to one hundred feet broad, and when crossed could be seen extending for ten or more miles either north or south, or as far as the eye could reach. This peculiar sea vegetation was not simply upon the surface, but seemed to extend deep in the water—perhaps were rooted

in the sand or soil at the bottom of the sea. Occasionally in the distance could be seen immense fields of these plants, the prevailing color being a rare but lovely shade of greenish yellow. Further out were masses of moss-like weeds, and sometimes peculiar, jelly-like creatures with eyes and horns and odd and beautiful decorations of pleasing colors. Drove of flying fish were frightened out of the water at times, some showing two wings and some four wings, variously developed. After flying ten or twenty rods they would drop into the water and disappear. A few little sea birds, silent and lonely, greeted us even in mid-ocean, and appeared as visitors from a foreign shore coming to bid us welcome. How weird the thought that these graceful little birds, not larger than a swallow, variegated white and black and brown, should seek the solitudes of the great deep, a thousand miles from shore, to spend the days of their little life! Where did they come from? Why did they come? and what do they eat? are questions that claim our thought as we see them skim the air above the choppy waves. Occasionally we passed schools of fat, sleek fish that bobbed up to the surface, and as quickly bobbed down again. These were very interesting to many, for they appeared in such great numbers, and were so large and handsome in form, while their graceful motion excited admiration.

The passage was generally smooth, but as we approached the other continent the wind became strong from the north-west, and was not only chilly, but gave to the boat a rocking motion just like that of a huge cradle. For several days and nights we were rocked from side to side in this mighty cradle of the deep. To me it gave a rather pleasing sensation, but to some of the passengers it was nauseating and most disagreeable. It ceased when we entered the English channel, but as we reached the North Sea a far more disagreeable motion—up and down and endways and sideways—was produced by the wind, and many were seriously confined to their cabins because of it. During the night, however, this motion ceased, and when we awoke in the morning and the boat was still, we looked out of the little circular window upon a foreign land. We were delighted, not only by the strange and interesting landscape and view, but by a most glorious sunrise—rich and beautiful beyond description—the whole giving a charming impression upon the mind that with me will ever remain and be recalled with sincere pleasure.

Your Friend,

The Editor.

La Park, Pa., Nov. 13, 1908.

Russelias.—These do well in an ordinary potting soil that will suit a Geranium. They will grow in a conservatory or window and bloom freely, if given a rather large, well drained pot and partial shade. Keep the atmosphere moist, and water copiously while growing and blooming.

ABOUT FERRARIAS.

FOLLOWING is a note of inquiry which reached the editor, and the answer is appended:

Mr. Editor:—Among some plants received in early summer was a bulb named "Ferraria." This little insignificant bulb is bearing now its sixth gorgeous blossom, scarlet, so odd and so beautiful. We cannot afford to risk losing such a gem. I find nothing under such a name in any of my Floral Magazines or Catalogues, so I apply to you for information concerning it. Is the bulb hardy, and when should it be purchased and planted? Also, what is the cost per dozen? Mrs. R. T. Junor.

Brooklyn, New York, Oct. 6, 1903.

ANS.—The Ferrarias, often known as Tigridias, are bulbous plants found in Mexico and Yucatan. They are about as hardy as a Gladiolus, and require similar treatment.

They come in various colors, as white, red and yellow, and bloom throughout summer and autumn, not profusely, but continuously. The flowers are large and shell-like, the base mostly tigered or spotted. From these characteristics the common name of Shell Flower is sometimes applied, and the generic name of Tigridia, or Tiger Flower. The name Ferraria was given in honor of an Italian Botanist, I. B. Ferrari. The bulbs are small, mostly in clumps, and during the summer and autumn even a small group will show a few flowers every day. They always appear bright and fresh, for they

last but a day, and new buds open every morning. They like a sunny place, but it is well to plant where the bed will be protected from wind, as the flowers are delicate and fragile, and a brisk wind will whip them to shreds. In planting set the bulbs four inches deep in well drained, porous soil. They may be planted early, or about the time the apple is in bloom. They require but little care during the season, except to keep the bed free from weeds. After frost the foliage turns yellow, and the bulbs may be dug and hung up to dry. When dry, cut off the brown

leaves, but do not separate the clumps till planting time. The bulbs are sensitive to the air when exposed for a prolonged period, and some persons advise packing them in a tin can, in which they do not suffer from evaporation. They are usually sold at 10 cents each, or \$1.00 per dozen, and the best time to buy and plant them is in the spring.

Rubber Leaves Dropping.—When the leaves of the Rubber Tree turn yellow and drop off, it is mostly an indication that the drainage is clogged, or that the roots were not properly cared for. The Rubber is one of the most tenacious and non-complaining of plants, but if the soil becomes soggy and the drainage deficient it will resent treatment.

If the soil is allowed to become dry and hard at times, or the atmosphere too dry and hot, the same deficiency in growth will occur, that is, yellow, dropping leaves. To overcome these troubles repot the plant in fresh, rich soil, with good drainage, being careful to make the earth as firm about the roots as possible; place a layer of sphagnum moss over the surface, to prevent rapid evaporation, and avoid letting the sun shine hot upon the sides of the pot; see that the plant is regularly watered, and keep a shallow open pan of water upon the stove or over the register to keep the atmosphere moist. By heed-

ing these simple precautions your success will be assured.

Pæonies Not Blooming.—Do not transplant your Pæonies oftener than is necessary—say once in five or six years. The plants require a year or more to become established, and until that time they should not be expected to bloom. A deep, rich, loamy soil and sunny situation are favorable to the development of Pæony buds and flowers, and where these conditions are supplied and some patience exercised, the plants are generally satisfactory.



FERRARIA PLANT IN BLOOM.

FLORAL MISCELLANY.

A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN.

IN A circular bed in the midst of the vegetable garden I planted flower seeds of many varieties. There were great golden yellow Marigolds, the largest I ever saw, also smaller, velvet ones, and tiny little bits of yellow ones. Then the loveliest Asters, just beautiful—pure white, pink, red and purple. Poppies, too, and Ten Weeks' Stocks, Petunias and Verbenas bloomed through several frosts. I had also Cosmos, Nigella, Mignonette and Zinnias, and a lovely edging of



Verbenas.

Pinks of many colors. Along the fence were Nasturtiums that climbed nearly to the top. They were of all colors, and such beauties. We picked them freely, and each day they seemed to grow larger and brighter and more numerous. On another side the fence was covered with Sweet Peas that bloomed from June till late in the fall. On the north side, next the fence were five Dahlias that were very handsome. I took a bouquet of Asters and two bouquets of mixed flowers to our County Fair. There were many grand bouquets there, but to my surprise and delight, both the Asters and the mixed flowers took the premium. Mrs. Pearl Ziems.

McLean Co., Illinois.

Moving a Big Oleander.—I moved my large, branched Oleander from Texas to Oklahoma in November, by cutting off the top to within eight inches of the ground. This seemed heroic treatment, but it proved to be for the best. I kept it dormant till the next March, when it was planted in a tub of very rich soil. It began to grow vigorously at once, and continued to grow and bloom so profusely all summer that it looked like an immense pink globe. So large did it become, in fact, that as winter came on I was forced to sell it, as I had no place to keep it.

Mrs. J. M. Ross.

Pottawatomie Co., Oklahoma.

NOTED AMERICAN TREES.

THE immense Ash tree planted by General Washington at Mount Vernon, and now the admiration of thousands of visitors.

The big trees of California.

Old Liberty Elm at Boston.

The Burgoyne Elm at Albany, New York.

The Weeping Willow, over the grave of Cotton Mathers in Cop's burying ground near Bunker Hill, taken from a tree that shaded the grave of Napoleon at St. Helena.

The Cary tree, planted by the roadside in 1832, by Alice and Phoebe Cary, is a large Cycamore, standing on the turnpike from College Hill to Mt. Pleasant, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

The Washington Elm still stands at Cambridge, Mass. It is on Garden Street, a short distance from the colleges, and is a large, well preserved tree. An iron fence is built around it, and on a stone in front is the following inscription: "Under this tree George Washington took command of the American Army, July 3, 1775. Mida Fray.

Barry Co., Mo., May 10, 1908.

Salt for a Worm Pest.—I noticed an article in the Magazine from Alaska, in regard to a worm pest on vegetables and flowers. I have been a gardener and somewhat of a florist for 30 years, and know something of the grief this little pest was to me until I found out how to head it off. I use common salt. Sow it freely all over the ground in early spring, and let the spring rains take it into the ground before planting. I have never had any trouble since I adopted this plan. Then, too, salt is very beneficial to the plants here in our Nebraska soil. D. W. Burd.

Nuckolis Co., Neb., June 1, 1908.

About Dahlias.—Two years ago I made some exchanges of variegated purple Dahlias for white and pink ones. The result was I have two different shades of pink, but no white at all. I now have nine varieties of Dahlias. They have bloomed beautifully all summer. The purple has been in the lead. It is in full bloom now, and will continue until frost. Dahlias are my favorite summer flowers. Give them a rich bed in a little shade and they will reward you for your trouble. Mrs. L. P. Robinson.

Meriwether Co., Georgia.

Tree Cactus.—I have a Tree Cactus that is about five feet high, and has had over 300 beautiful scarlet blooms on it at one time. The flowers are borne in clusters at the end of stems from four to six inches long. This Cactus is worthy of a place at the home of everyone who loves Cactuses and flowers. It is perfectly hardy in the South, and often reaches the height of 10 feet in this locality.

Mrs. May Senn.

Fisher Co., Texas, Oct. 10, 1908.

GRANDMOTHER'S POSY YARD.

GRAFTING CACTUSES.

TONIGHT, in my mind's eye, I see Grandmother's posy yard in full bloom, just as I saw it in childhood's days. It is enclosed with pickets, with two gates and the doors of the dining room and parlor providing entrance. Through the centre is a walk, with flower beds on either side $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide, enclosed with round stones whitewashed snow white. At the farther end of each bed is a large clump of Red Pæonies in a frame, and filling each bed is a promiscuous array of Marigolds, Petunias, Asters, Zinnias and old-fashioned Johnny-jump-ups — just like our Pansies, but only a fourth as large. (I haven't seen one of these for years). Shading the porch are yellow Nasturtiums, blue and white Morning Glories, and vigorous Scarlet Runner. Right by the dining room steps is a clump of Ribbon Grass and a bed of Zephyr Myrtle. Close by the house is the full, fragrant Cabbage Rose, and by the parlor steps the old red Wall Rose.

[On the first day of November, over a quarter of a century ago, a blossom and bud were found upon this old red Rose which were placed in dear old Grandmother's hand as she lay in her casket. A June blossom to come in November is an unusual thing among these bleak Pennsylvania hills. This must have come just for her, for she loved flowers above everything else.—A. A.]

Across the path from the steps was a white Rose with a clump of Bleeding Heart at its feet. A little further on is a Snowball bush and a yellow Rose, and under a Pear tree a bush of fluffy white Spirea, Tiger Lilies, Lemon Lilies, and the common, old-fashioned Orange Lilies. On the other side of the walk are Roses of many kinds, Sweet Williams, Asparagus, Old Man, Dusty Miller, etc. But the Damask Roses—oh, see them! Can anything be more beautiful? I'll remember them as long as I live. I have never seen their equal.

Today the old home is falling to decay. The flowers, round stones and fences are gone, and there is nothing left of grandmother's yard but the beautiful picture of it that memory recalls.

Aunt Ann.

Bradford Co., Pa., Jan. 25, 1908.

Poppies.—I wish all the Magazine readers could have seen my Poppies the past summer. They were of all colors and sizes. Some looked like Tulips, and some were quilled. A



single one was lavender with fine red stripes running through it. Another was double white with red stripes. A large single one was white with a red, fringed edge, and the foliage was greenish white. Others had cut foliage, and one had silvery leaves, rough as a piece of flannel, and flame-red flowers with pink centre and a black zone. The pods were like burs, and the seeds as fine as dust.

Mrs. J. M. Woods.

Fulton Co., Arkansas.

I PREFER grafting Cactuses upon *Cereus grandiflorus*. Cut the *Cereus* to within five inches of the ground, then take your graft, cut a hole in it, and after scraping the skin of the stock insert in this hole. Then tie to sticks inserted in the ground, and in two weeks the graft will be all right. You need never lose a plant. In selecting a graft, when *Mamillarias* or *Echinops* are used, choose a small plant or it will outgrow the stock and become top-heavy.

I have also been successful in grafting *Opuntia*. Split the leaf and insert some seeds, then take a few thorns or spines and stick them through the leaf to hold it together. In a short time you will have a curiosity. Each tiny seed takes root and grows, making a curious looking plant. Try it, and see for yourself.

Miss E. Cummings.

Laredo, Tex., 1513 W. Houston St., Oct. 11, '08

Success with Carnations.—In February I filled a lot of tin cans with one-fourth sand and the rest good garden soil, using cinders for drainage. These I carried to a south-west room up stairs, and planted my seeds in them. The plants soon appeared, and when mild, settled weather came on I set them out in a sheltered, sunny bed in the garden. I had twenty thrifty Carnations of *Malmaison* and a garden variety. I gathered a lot of blooms, some the loveliest shades of red, also pink, white and red and white, striped. I was so delighted with them. They were as large and handsome as those at the florists. All who saw them were surprised to hear they were "home grown seedlings. Some I pinched back for winter blooming. Now, December 8, they are throwing out plenty of buds.

M. Massbarger.

Hardin Co., Kentucky.

Watering Sweet Peas and Cannas.—Get the old tin cans together and drive nail-holes in the bottom of each. Then when planting Sweet Peas sink a can here and there all along the row. Fill these cans with water once or twice a day in a dry time, to leak out slowly down among the roots, leaving the surface light and porous. For the *Canna* bed set in five-inch tiles two or three inches apart and pour warm dish water into them abundantly. *Canna* seeds started the first of March make fine plants that begin to bloom almost as soon as roots from the florist.

Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Jane B. Wing.

Begonia Slips.—I tried rooting some lovely *Begonia* slips that were given me, just as I root *Coleus* and *Geranium* slips, but they turned down. Then I tried rooting them in water as I root *Sultani* slips, but they slumped off in jelly-like bits. Finally I discovered that I could root them anywhere, out-doors or in-doors by keeping a glass or tumbler inverted over them till they had started considerable growth.

Aunt Annie.

Bradford Co., Pa.

ABOUT PÆONIES.

PÆONIES are among the showiest and most ornamental early bloomers we have, and once placed where they are to stay they grow larger and more floriferous each year. The large, early double red Pæony was once the only well-known and generally cultivated Pæony, but now the Chinese and Tree Pæonies are found in many gardens, and show a wide range of colors.

Some years ago I decided to add a white Pæony to my collection, and gave my order to a tree agent. Fifty cents seemed a big price for a single root, but it was large and sound, and I planted it at once in the place prepared for it. It did not bloom till the second year, and when the three buds opened the color was not white. The flower was, however the most unique in shape and color I ever saw. The outer petals were large, round and satiny, and of the most exquisite shell pink, while the entire centre was filled with tightly crinkled cream-colored petals. It had a spicy, rose-scented fragrance, and the oblong, half-opened buds were charming, and reminded one of a La France Rose. I was very much pleased with it.

Subscriber.

Multnomah Co., Oregon.

Arctotis Grandis.—I want to speak a



Arctotis Grandis.

good word for Arctotis Grandis to the many readers of the Magazine. It is a fine flower, and is especially valuable on account of its very long duration of bloom. My plants are full of buds now.

Although we have had frosts, the Arctotis flowers are not injured. Mrs. M. M. Cook.

Franklin Co., N. Y., Oct. 20, 1908.

Blooming Lace Fern.—I wonder how many readers of the Floral Magazine ever saw the Lace Fern (*Asparagus Plumosus nanus*) in bloom? I never did till today, when I discovered mine covered with tiny white stars. Oh, so tiny, star-like white blossoms. Each feathery frond is tipped with a tiny star. It is one of the daintiest things I ever saw.

Mrs. H. E. R.

Sioux Co., Iowa, Oct. 9, 1908.

Beautifying a Fence.—An unsightly wire fence in the back yard, became a thing of beauty when covered with the rapidly growing hardy honey-suckle. Its blossoms are cream-white and very fragrant. In some sections of the United States, this honey-suckle grows wild.

A Reader.

Parke Co., Ind.

FRUITS AS POT PLANTS.

IF YOU wish something out of the ordinary try some of the many semi-tropical fruits that are no more difficult than the average house plant. The Fig is one of the best, and if grown from a cutting taken from a fruiting tree, it will come into bearing when quite young. The fruit ripens in the early fall, and a good tree, even though small, will bear a great number of figs. The best variety for growing in the house is the Celestial, as it is a rather dwarf variety, and has small purplish-brown fruits that are very attractive in appearance.

The Strawberry, or Cattley, Guava also makes a fine house plant. It has beautiful, thick, glossy-green leaves, and even a small plant will bear quite a number of fruits. The fruits make the finest kind of jelly, and are also very good eaten raw.

The Kumquat is a member of the Citrus family, that is, in my opinion, superior to the much talked-of Otaheite Orange. The blossoms look like miniature Orange blossoms, and are very fragrant, and the fruits, which are about an inch long and three-quarters of an inch in diameter, are a beautiful bright orange, and look very attractive on the plant. They are very fine preserved, or candied like Cherries, and are also good to eat raw.

The Pepino, or Melon Pear is a member of the Solanum family, and makes a very good house plant. It has a very pretty blue blossom, and bears fruits about the size of a large hen's egg, and of a lemon-yellow color. It blooms and fruits during the winter months, and is a very good plant for the window garden.

None of the above are at all difficult to grow, and I do not hesitate to recommend them to anyone who desires to grow something curious and interesting.

F. W. Popenoe.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Oct. 11, 1908.

Tuberous Begonias.—Two years ago I planted a collection of single-flowered Begonias, and they were beautiful all summer. I had them on a porch facing east. Before frost I took them into the house, where they were in bloom for a long time. I then dried them off by withholding water, and placed them in the cellar. In the spring I replanted them, and they were just as fine as they were the first year. I do not know which is more beautiful, the leaves of some or the blossoms. I advise everybody to try them. I am sure they will be found satisfactory.



Tuberous Begonia.

Mrs. C. Dueber.

Stearns Co., Minnesota.

PINKS, CARNATIONS AND PICOTEES.

ONE who wants blossoms throughout the season must use a little forethought in order to have them, and oft-times do some of the work months, and sometimes even a year ahead. If we want early spring flowers we must buy and plant the bulbs the fall before, and for late fall blossoms we must plan and plant, at least the preceding spring.

For very late flowers Chrysanthemums are the ones most depended upon, and are good, if one can always be on guard with a few old bed quilts or carriage robes to cover them on freezing nights.

I have one bed of plants this year that bids fair to rival the Chrysanthemums. It is filled with Pinks, Carnations and Picotees. I purchased a paper of Park's seeds, and gathered



a few at the World's Fair at Jamestown, as I happened to be there just before it closed last fall. The bed has been really pretty all summer. Although there were no blossoms until September, the foliage was bright and fresh-looking all the time. But ever since the first of September there have been Pinks of some kind in bloom. Some are dark velvety red, and there are all shades of pink, and various markings of white, red, and pink; and now past the middle of October, they are blooming gayly on, although we have had some nights so cold that ice was frozen an eighth of an inch thick, and almost all other flowers are killed. A few of the Carnations have given almost as fine flowers as those grown in the greenhouse.

As all are hardy plants I am anticipating a much longer season of bloom next year than this. In fact, I did not expect to have any flowers this year, as most perennial plants do not bloom the first year. If they do not winter-kill, a bed of Pinks is indeed a thing of beauty and joy forever. Margaret Flindt.

Jefferson Co., Iowa, Oct. 17, 1908.

Chrysanthemums.—I am an amateur, but am succeeding beautifully in growing Chrysanthemums. I made a bed in the garden, mulched with chip-dirt and stable manure, and used, also, a little nitrate of soda. My tallest plants measure 81 inches.

Mrs. Claude Dimon.

Newtown Co., Ga., Sept. 7, 1908.

A ROW OF TOUCH-ME-NOTS.

YES, only a row of Touch-me-nots! Who would have thought so much sunshine and brightness could be produced from the three dozen small plants set out by the college girl on her return home, anxious to have a few flowers that she might call her own. They were tended with the greatest of care. In the garden patch, with a rich soil and watered by the rain, they grew and blossomed in a very few weeks. Such a display of delicate colors—light purple, white, sea-shell pink, and variegated white and pink, white and purple, both single and double, is seldom seen. The garden patch was changed from a dreary place to one of brightness.



Balsam—Touch-me-not.

Everyone who saw them made remarks at their beauty, and wondered why they were not planted where the passer-by could see them. They have brought sunshine and brightness to many a weary life. The early blossoms were plucked and sent to a dear friend who is nearing the end of this earthly journey. She was not only pleased with the bright blossoms, but with the thought of being remembered. At another time a wreath was made of the branches and Ferns for the funeral of a poor child. A bouquet gladdened the heart of a dear aunt who loved flowers, and the last ones were placed lovingly on her grave. These are only a few of the many missions they have performed.

Fair flowers, soon thy race will be run, but thou hast forced this great truth upon us, that we can carry sunshine and happiness wherever we go.

Katie M. Roads.

Chicago, Illinois.

Keeping Dahlias.—I find that the best way to keep Dahlia tubers is to put them into an old tin wash-boiler, and when all are in, or the vessel is full I put coal ashes on them, filling in all around them and excluding the air. In the spring they come out as nice and plump as when first dug from the ground. I have kept my Dahlia tubers in this way for two years, and the method has been a complete success. The idea was original with me, and I hope some will consider it worthy of a trial.

Mrs. E. Babcock.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1908.

Vinca.—Two years ago I purchased a number of plants, but the most beautiful of all is a Vinca that is continually covered with snow-white blossoms.

Mrs. Ada Roper.

Colorado City, Col., Sept. 28, 1908.

FLOWERS A NERVE TONIC.

DEAR BUSY MOTHERS.

HOW many times do you speak crossly to the little ones during the day? It's no wonder! You are tired and nervous from the never-ending treadmill of work. I suppose you think of raising flowers as only an additional care. Few think of it as a nerve tonic, yet it will act as such, if a little time is taken each day for their care. The best place for the busy mother's flower-bed is right by the back door, so as to make no extra steps. A little poultry netting makes it secure from cats dogs and chickens.

Some Dahlias and Gladiolus, some perennial roots bought or raised from seeds—almost anything, is better to my mind than annuals, which require so much care and so much waiting. The advantage of starting perennial seeds over those of annuals is, that they may be started in July, when the busiest of the summer is over; and while they require a little more care at first, one is well repaid for that by the flowers which come year after year with very little more care. The secret of raising perennials from seeds is to protect the seed-bed from rain, wind and sun by a cloth covering, keep damp during dry weather, and furnish free circulation of air during wet weather.

K. T.

Barry Co., Mich., Oct. 4, 1908.

Rhododendron.—I believe the Rhododendron must be soaked with water at least once a week during dry weather, to get the best results. My failure to do this during the long summer's drought resulted in the development of but one cluster head. The plant is in a mixture of heavy garden soil, leaf-mould, chip-dirt, sand and manure, and in a partially shaded situation, so it did not drop a leaf, and blooms magnificently when the conditions are favorable.

J. E. Allen.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Rudbeckia.—What a prolific bloomer is Rudbeckia, or Golden Glow! Blossoming, as it does, when other flowers are scarce, makes it doubly valuable. The flowers are beautiful, too, as cut flowers. Cut with long stems, and placed in a tall vase of silver and crystal, they are magnificent. The plants should be lifted and divided every second year, for when they become crowded they do not do so well.

Lillie Ripley.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 29, 1908.

Althea.—What a beautiful shrub is the Double White Althea. The blossoms are fully two inches across, if not more, and of a perfect waxy whiteness. They might easily be mistaken for Roses. It is a slow-growing shrub, but begins to blossom when quite small, which is greatly in its favor.

Lillie Ripley.

Erie, Pa., Sept., 29, 1908.

SUBSTITUTES FOR THE PALM.

MANY hesitate about investing in a Palm because it is expensive, slow in growth, and when any bad luck comes to it, slow in recuperating. Yet the Palm has a distinct place in the collection, and is worth some effort.

There are several substitutes, however, which fill the niche nicely at less expense. One of the best is the Umbrella Plant, Cyperus, which grows rapidly from seeds, and in rich soil a single plant soon attains a large size. It is more graceful than the Palm, and much more easily cared for. As it is an aquatic, plenty of water must be supplied at all times. For the aquarium it is fine, and a single plant grown in water, with only a little soil at the bottom, makes a fine foliage ornament.



ACACIA LOPHANTHA.

Grevillea Robusta, with light silvery foliage cut in the most exquisite pattern, is another highly ornamental plant, readily grown from seeds. An advantage in these seedlings is that they may be discarded in autumn if there is no suitable place for wintering so many, and new ones easily raised the coming year.

Ferns, native or exotic, are in some respects more desirable than Palms, being more graceful and airy. The Mimosas also prove pleasing in effect, and are quickly grown from seeds. Several of the Acacias are too little known, and grow to a large size in a short time. These are so cheaply obtained from seeds that one may feel free to grow them both in the house and on the lawn.

Bessie L. Putnam.

Conneaut Lake, Pa., March 31, 1908.

Lemon and Orange.—I have a Wonder Lemon which has had some fine fruit that measured fifteen inches around. They were enormous. I also have an Otaheite Orange that had sixteen oranges on that ripened last Christmas and stayed on until June.

E. C. M.

Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept., 27, 1908.

Margaret Dickson Rose.—Mr. Editor: Tell the sisters if they wish a true perpetual-blooming Rose, to get Margaret Dickson. Mine was full of buds and blossoms when the frost came. It is not only perpetual-blooming, but bears its flowers in great abundance.

J. E. Allen.

Bradford Co., Pa.

FLORAL POETRY

CHRISTMAS, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, merry Christmas,
Softly falls the snow,
Christmas, merry Christmas,
Holly all aglow;
Mistletoe is hanging
Where the lamps are bright,
O, there's joy in living
On this Christmas night.

Christmas, merry Christmas,
Children rollicking,
Christmas, merry Christmas,
List the joy-bells ring;
And our lips repeating
O'er and o'er the strain,
Christmas, merry Christmas,
Love and peace shall reign.

Ruth Raymond.

Tioga Co., New York, Oct. 20, 1908.

IN THE FALL.

Oh, there's beauty all around;
Leaves of many hues abound,
On the trees and on the ground,
In the fall.

Here an Oak has turned to yellow,
Fruits are hanging ripe and mellow,
And their fragrance yields a halo
In the fall.

Now the dry leaves gently rustle,
And the squirrels are all a-hustle,
Storing nuts for winter's muscle,
In the fall.

Yes, with Nature's face aglow,
And the heart attuned to know—
Then the joys of life overflow,
In the fall.

Warren Co., N. J., Oct. 16, '08. Mary E. Rice.

THE DAMASK ROSE.

Yea, ages past have known thee, beauteous one,
And sunk to dust upon thy heavy strings!
Semiramis from out thine incense flings
A final prayer unto the setting sun.
Thou hast caressed high Rimmon's brow, and won
The aureate obelisk from Sheba's wings;
Noontide hath found thee in the shell that sings
Of Memphian kings and majesty undone.

Ah, how the voices overflow thy bowl,
And paint the serpents golden-jawed of dusk,
Until the moon hath sought her balcony,
And Betelgeuse burns like an open scroll.—
Rose-wizardry attires the night in musk,
While on thou drest with infinitude.
Baltimore, Md., Oct. 15, 1908. Wm. Thompson.

FLOWER BELLS.

Bluebells and Harebells,
Dainty, Fairy Lily bells,
Soft and low, for angels' ear,
Not a sound, poor mortals hear.
Fairy chimes the flower bells ring,
Fairies in the flower bells sing.

Allegany Co., N. Y.

Mate Ferris Phillips.

THE STORM.

Low sinks the sun in the western sky,
While the coal-black clouds roll in silence by,
And the gathering shadows obscure the light,
Until earth in its beauty is shrouded in night.

Now flashes of lightning envelop the sky,
And the rumble of thunder appears not to die,
While rain falls in torrents and wind is a gale,
And window panes rattle with marbles of hail.

As I sit by my window I think of my home,
And of seamen in vessels tossed high 'mid the foam;
I think of their loved ones far off on the shore,
Who are looking and longing to see them once more.

But now the storm ceases, the clouds clear away,
And stars in their beauty send forth a bright ray,
While frogs croak a medley from the marsh by the mill,

And the air in its sweetness is noiseless and still.

Ohio, Oct., 9, 1908.

A. B. Stanze.

THE SIMPLER LIFE.

Oh, turn from the smoky city,
And the noise one scarce can bear,
And among the birds and flowers,
Learn to breathe a purer air.

You will hear the voice of Nature,
See the starry dome of light,
Know that rest and strength returneth
With the sweetness of the night.

And you sense a higher feeling,
With a nobler view of life,
When you live in God's green places
Out beyond the city's strife.

Mrs. S. D. Gardner.

McLennan Co., Texas, Oct. 9, 1908.

THE DESIRE.

You ask me what is my great desire,
That you may grant the thing to me,
'Tis a tender heart and cheerful voice,
And be as good as I can be.
Then I would like as well the power
To make my neighbor friend to see
That "temporary" are the clouds;
From all worries then, should we be free.

If "Sol" was shining all the while,
All things would wither soon, you know,
"Clouds and rains" will cool the earth at times
And vegetation set aglow,
If things of life went always smooth.
We ne'er would know the soul was blest,
But after hardships we rejoice
And feel that we have earned a rest.

Albert E. Vassar.

St. Louis, Missouri, Aug. 31, 1908.

PRIMROSES.

Daisies are sleeping beneath the dark ground,
Pansies are hidden away,
Not a lone flower in the garden is found
Under the skies that are gray:
Yet, in the window the Primroses bloom,
Fair as the blossoms of May,
With their bright faces dispelling the gloom,
Making the cottage so gay.

Snow-flakes are falling, the broad meadows o'er,
Winds from the north-land are cold,
Snow-drifts are piling about the low door,
Fearless and fickle and bold;
Yet are the Primroses giving their cheer,
Never a fear will we hold,
While their bright faces are shining so near,
Joy of the summer is told.

Ruth Raymond.

Tioga Co., New York, Oct. 20, 1908.

DECEMBER.

'Tis the merry, merry, merry Christmas time;
 Ev'ry heart beats light, ev'ry heart beats gay,
 And the ringing, singing bells with joyous chime,
 Proclaim the Christ's birthday.

O, the merry, merry, merry Christmas time,
 Full of faith and joy, full of hope and love,
 Tho' without are whitened fields and a frosty rime,
 And the gray stone clouds above.

One merry, merry, merry Christmas time
 A little Child in a world of shame
 Lifted dimpled baby hands of love divine,
 And a world's redemption came.

This merry, merry, merry Christmas time,
 A token true of my love I send,
 With wishes for a Christmas full of hope sublime,
 And pleasures without end.
 Fairfield Co., Conn. Vera Warren Rockwell.

SNOWFLAKES.

See the snow-flakes lightly falling
 Over all the dreary land,
 With their graces thus forestalling
 Winter's stern, relentless hand.
 Fairy snow-flakes pure and white,
 Falling, falling all the night.

When the morning sun is shinting
 What a magic change we see,
 Every shrub has grace surprising
 Every leafless vine and tree
 Now is draped in spotless white
 Pure and shining in the light.

May our lives like snow-flakes falling
 Give new beauty to the earth,
 As we hear some lone one calling,
 May our words of priceless worth,
 With a message sweet and clear
 Comfort, reconcile and cheer.

Tioga Co., New York. Ruth Raymond.

THE RETURN OF SPRING.

When spring returns with all her glorious train,
 And waves her banners through the sunlit sky,
 The flowers come forth to welcome her again,
 And bright birds greet her with a joyous cry.

Then I recall the springtime of my life,
 When love and hope my youthful fancies fed;
 The gall of woe, the deep abyss of strife,
 Long years have laid them with the silent dead.

No birds shall e'er announce their glad return,
 Nor flowers awake to bid them welcome be;
 While life shall last, while memory's mind shall burn,
 Their sweetest charms shall ne'er come back to me.

And yet while in the night of doubts and fears,
 Faith's glittering star shall cheer my anxious eyes,

Ah, 'tis a balm for every human's fears,
 Faith is the power that lifts man to the skies.
 Cabell Co., Virginia. W. C. Williams.

FORGET-ME-NOT.

Pretty little blossom,
 By the brooklet growing,
 Decking earth with sweetest blue,
 Nature's kindness showing.

Come to tell the story
 Of the Master's love,
 Making earth an emblem
 Of the heaven above.

Beulah M. Hayes.

Penn Yan, N. Y., August 8, 1908.

SOWING AND REAPING.

Sow thy seed in the morning,
 Nor at evening withhold thy hand,
 Though if it shall fail or prosper,
 Thou mayst not understand.
 Some fruitage there will surely be
 In the harvest-time awaiting thee.

Wait not for the globe's upturning,
 The uprooting of every weed,
 Wait not for the soil to mellow
 To scatter some precious seed;
 Some fruitage thou wilt surely see
 In the harvest-time awaiting thee.

Choose well the seed for thy sowing,
 Sow ever Truth's golden grain;
 Discard every seed of error,
 Lest the harvest bring thee pain.
 For the Lord of the harvest says to thee
 "As thou hast sown shalt thy reaping be."

And stunt not the seed in thy sowing,
 But scatter with lavish hand,
 Though the soil be hard and rock-strewn,
 And bramble covered the land,
 Be not discouraged; thou yet shall see
 A glorious harvest awaiting thee.

Go forth though skies may lower,
 Though wild the winds may blow;
 Go forth though thunder threatens,
 Make haste thy seed to sow.
 Heed not the storms, they may needed be,
 To perfect the harvest awaiting thee.

Then grow not weary of waiting,
 For the first weak grain to appear;
 The seeds of Truth lie dormant,
 Oft-times for many a year.
 But if sown in faith thou wilt surely see
 The fruits of the harvest awaiting thee.

Faint not though the toil be heavy,
 And count not thy labor done,
 Till the shadows begin to lengthen,
 And westward sinks the sun;
 As thou hast labored so shall be
 The wealth of the harvest awaiting thee.

Henrico Co., Va., June, 1908. Alice R. Carson.

AN AUTUMN MORNING.

The dew shines out in the early day,
 An' glistens on the fields of hay,
 An' the birds droop in the tree,
 The leaves turn red for the autumn bed.
 An' I long agen for the ole homestead
 Where so many pleasures be.

An' it's up an' away
 With comin' day,
 Where the fields are brown
 An' the trees all sway.

An' the children romp about the place,
 With a pleasant smile playin' o'er each face;
 An' they laugh an' sing with glee;
 The yard dog lolls in the mornin' sun,
 An' the hired man's up an' his work's begun,
 An' the day's on full an' free.

An' it's up an' away
 With the dawn of day,
 For the night is past
 An' the fields are gay.

Dothan, Texas.

Jackson Dunaway.

HOME.

Home is the place where peace should reign,
 Oh keep the circle free from strain.
 More love, more grace and kindly deeds
 Each day to fill the family needs.

Love in the home the family blest,
 Let us in peace most sweetly rest,
 Faith, hope and love, oh let it be
 Each moment they shall dwell in thee.

St. Louis, Missouri.

Albert E. Vassar.

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Cosy Nook Farm, Goshen, Conn., June 8, 1908.

Very interesting letters were received from Frances Ritterback, LaPlume, Pa., who lives with her grandma in the country; Marie Stevens, Texas, who has a pet sheep; Lillie Walter and Freddie Walter, Moscow, Iowa, who live in the country; Gwynette Smith, Charlotte, Michigan, whose mother has taken the Magazine for 15 years; Ross Norwood, Arkansas, who had a flower garden this year; Nettie Swan, West Paris Me., whose mamma has lots of flowers, and has been taking the Magazine ever since she can remember; Goldie S. Hampt, Bethel, Pa., whose mother is dead, and who lives with her aunt, and helps her to work; Emma M. Young, Pa., who loves flowers and birds; Ella B. Affolter, N. Y., who has an old dog named Snuff, also three pups; C. Cyrus Crane, Jr., Cal., whose father has an automobile; Esther Dyringer, Ohio, who has a doll named Dorothy; Bessie Ryder, Vermont, a farmer's daughter; Beula D. Monn, Chambersburg, Pa., who has a toppy hen that lays every day; Grace Lough, Ill., who lives on a farm; Russell Biers, N. Y., a farmer's son; Verna E. Pearson, Normal, Ill., who has 17 dolls and a nice big doll buggy; Eva and Esther Sanborn, Flushing, Mich., who enjoy the Magazine; Eva would like to visit me, and I hope she will some day; Joseph Wilt, Ohio, who has a pair of pigeons and a flock of chickens; Monia Dunnuck, Ind., who has a pet dog named Ted; Ruth Leighton, Me., who has three dolls and a Teddy bear; Maud Russell, Ohio, who lives on a farm; Velma Kraus, Mo., a farmer's daughter, who has a Bantam and a dog; Virginia Whitlock, Jacksonville, Ill., who enjoys flowers; Mildred G. Sweet, N. Y., who lives on a farm; Diamond Ritter, Texas, who has a puppy named Bruno; Ardelle Hogan, Utah, who has a dolly, a Teddy bear and lots of play things; Gladys Rheingans, Minn., who has two calves, Jerry and Lucy, and 15 dolls; Clara Videen, who lives a mile from town, and goes to school every day; Emma Truman, Ky., who cannot have pet birds on account of her three pet cats; Ruth Rolston, Texas, who loves flowers and the Magazine; Fay Zachary, N. C., who has a dog named Snap; Eva Probert, Volga, Iowa, who rides to school on her pony, named Lady, and who has a pet sheep named Twilight, and some pet ducks; Gora Swanson, Monroe, Neb., who writes: Mr. Park: There is a thrush which built a nest in a vine on our porch, and it has five eggs in it; Marioo Sigafos, Pa., who has seven little turkeys; Ola Broliar, who lives on a farm near the Sierras, Cal.; Ruby Main, Ohio, who has three gray turkeys and three black ones; Elva Noyes, Indiana; who has a twin brother; Mary Remesnyder, Pa., who loves birds and flowers; Grace Buehrle, Bucks Co., Pa., who enjoys the Children's Letter; Jewell Coleman, Texas, who has yard full of flowers; Minnie Mundy, Mo., who loves Paeonies, Tulips and Pansies; Sophia and Matilda Ims, Ill., one having a pet dog named Mingo, and the other a pigeon named Fanny; Virginia Gallman, S. C., a country girl of 10 years; Grace Petermichel, Cal., who has 17 Canary birds; Birdie Moody, Tenn., who stays with her grandmother; Anna Kookan, Oklahoma, who lives on a farm; Margaret Lentney, Ill., who has a speaking dog named Rover; Georgia (12 years) and Mabel Smith (10 years), Peru, Kan., one having a pet chicken, and the other two little dogs; Ernest Anderson, Belgrade, Minn., a flower-lover; Meto Van Patten, Vassar, Mich., a girl of 12 years, who has a large flower garden all her own.

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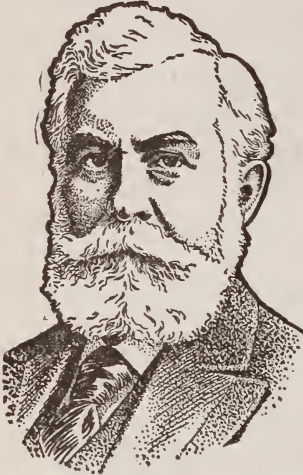
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Geneva Morrison.

Kiowa Co., Oklahoma, May 29, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—My father owns ten acres of land a mile from town, and in the front garden there is a little spring that forms a tiny lake. I think it would be a lovely place for Water Lillies. B. C., Can.

Laura Stickney.

Dear Mr. Park:—I love flowers and birds. The Violet is my favorite. Our birds sing so sweetly in spring. Last spring a bird built her nest in the yard, and raised four little ones. Ethel Smith.

Brambleton, Tex., Sept., 8, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a country boy, and in the spring we have lots of flowers. I have a little dog for a pet. I like birds, and last year a wheat-bird built a nest in the corner of our house and hatched some little birds. Charlie Smith.

Brambleton, Texas., Sept. 8, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 11 years old. I live on a farm and have two pets squirrels and two birds. I go two miles to school and am in the fifth grade. My favorite flower is the Pink.

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Ruth, the Gleaner.

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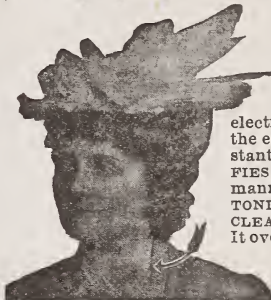
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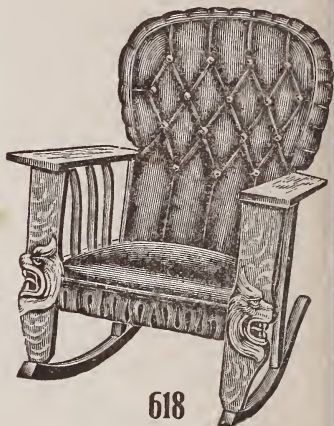
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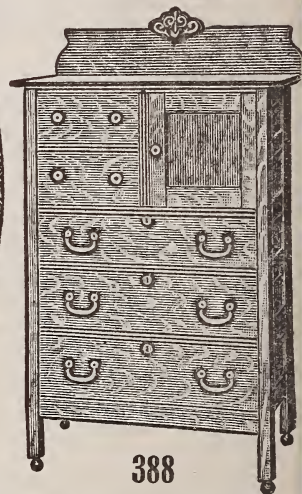
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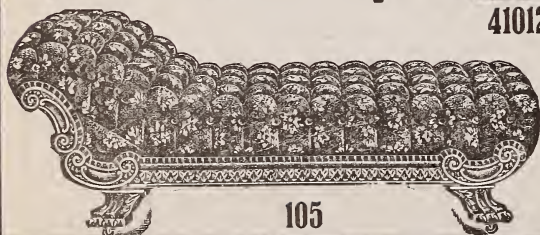
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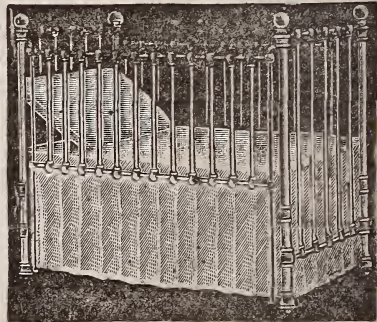
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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—We keep 18 cows, and I take the milk to the creamery with our old horse Billy. I am 10 years old. Vote for Prohibition.

Russel O. Beers.

Del. Co., N. Y., Sept. 5, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I was six years old last May, and I have a little violin which I play every day. I played at school when it closed in June. Mamma and I have lots of flowers. One of our Marigolds was 12 inches around. I love the birds, too, and feed them.

Zoe E. Kingsbury.

Keene, N. H., Sept. 7, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a great lover of flowers, and enjoy the Magazine very much. My Papa sells flowers. I am 11 years old, and would like to exchange postal cards with girls of my own age.

Gertrude Russell.

Sta. 3, R. 3, Box 7. Toledo, O., Sept. 8, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 11 years old, and enjoy the Magazine so well I can hardly wait till it comes. I have a little baby brother for a pet, and he is the dearest pet that I can find. I have many flowers raised from seeds, but love Roses best.

Beatrice Wilson.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 4, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—We have an automobile, and get many fine trips to the country. I have 3 dolls and a Teddy Bear. I love flowers and have a garden of my own.

Amy E. Avery.

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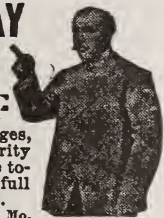
Dear Mr. Park:—I am nine years old, and live on a farm with Grandma, who has taken your Magazine for a great many years. My mother has been dead for years. I love flowers and birds, and am going to try to get you a club of subscribers. Your little friend,

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Gladys Walker.

Argyle, Mich., Aug. 17, 1908.

Interesting letters have been received from Olive Rice, a farm girl of 12 years, who has twin brother and sister, Roy and Ruth, for pets, and who goes a mile to school; Greta M. Gray, Glover, Vt., R. F. D., Box 3, 11 years old, who lives on a farm, and wishes to correspond with other little girls; Iva C. Euer, Mich., a little girl 9 years old; Josephine Enger, N. D., 13 years old, who goes to school and is in the 7th grade; Dora M. Kemp, Loveland, O., 14 years old, who loves flowers, and wishes to write to girls of her age; Anna Brumback, Nekoosa, Wis., 13 years old, who likes birds and flowers, and has two fine singers and many plants; Edith Leonardson, Kokomo, Ind., 13 years, who has a kitten that tries to open a door by turning the knob with its paw; Mary C. Hartle, Md., a farm girl 13 years old, whose mother has taken the Magazine for 10 years; Levin Swenson, Kan., who has two playful dogs, Penny and sport, and also a little flower garden of his own; Zelda Clark, Perryville, Ky., who cultivates many flowers; Maude Jones, Ill., who lives in a mining town, and has two cats and a pug dog; Esther Schaffer, S. Dak., who has some nice flowers and a pet horse; Wessie J. H. Trimble, Ont., a farmer boy, whose mother has taken the Magazine 12 years; Frances Pappen, Ia., who had a bed of Lady Slippers last year; Florence I. Fredenburg, N. Y., a farm girl who has pet rabbits, and goes one half mile to school; Bertha Meyer, Mo., nine years, who has two pet white rabbits and a flower bed; Charlotte Strother, S. C., who has many pot plants; Carrie Lee York, R. 4, Box 31, Granite, Okla., 12 years old, wishes to write to girls of her age; May Redmond, Kans. 13 years old, goes to school with her cousin, who stays with her, as her mother is dead; Miss Lunette Florin, Johnsonburg, Pa., who is very fond of flowers, and would like to correspond with other little girls; Georgie Portens, Cambridge, Mass., who is spending vacation in N. H., and enjoys the country very much; Winifred Shoff, Okla., 11 years old, a farm boy who loves flowers; Ruth Greenawald, O., six years old, who had a Christmas tree last year, trimmed with Popcorn, and set it out for the birds; Una M. Garton, Ia., who, with her mother, does not keep cats, because they kill the birds; M. J. Jacox, Tenn., whose favorite is the Pansy; Effie Bucher, Mo., who enjoys the Magazine; Irene Rudd, Ia., who has three big dolls; Etta Adams, Kans., nine years old, who has a dear little sister for a pet; Flossie Krak, whose mother has taken the Magazine 14 years; Ruth Bailly, Tenn., a farm girl, 13 years old, who eagerly awaits the coming of the Magazine; Elsie V. Marvin, Cal., 12 years old, who has a flower garden of her own; Helen Atkins, 10 years old, who has six dolls; Lilah Stephenson, Mich., whose Mamma has taken the Magazine seven years; Waldo, Nellie and Geraldine Primm, N. C., who have rabbits for pets; Alpha L. Lynn, Va., seven years old, who loves birds and flowers; E. Elizabeth Harris, Mass., 11 years old who takes music lessons.

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GOSSIP.

About Birds.—Hello, all, to the Park readers. It has been two years since I greeted you, and I want to speak of birds now. I love cats, too, but shall not quarrel with anyone over it.

This has been a warm, dry summer, and you know every bird loves a bath. (Dirty, lazy people take notice). Well, I arranged the hose to throw a spray, then came inside and watched the birds. The first birds went and told others, then they all played in the spray, making believe it was rain. They took little plunges, little walks, ducked their heads, fluttered and fluttered and talked and talked. They never seemed to get enough—such was their joy. When I stepped out they did not mind it a bit.

I have a shelf just outside, high up, and I can see it from the sink. Well, I kept a "hunk" of bacon there, and one day, hearing a peculiar knock I looked, and there was a saucy little bird helping himself. He had the soft, fatty streaks literally picked away.

Again, a Cat-bird or Northern Mocking-bird made it a practice to get on a high branch of our tall Pear tree to sing its summer song. True, there was nothing strange about that, but he came out of his way to do it. He would come from afar every day, sing or trill for an hour, then depart, for he didn't nest there. It wasn't his home, but it was his "music school."

Mrs. R. Winter.

Riverside, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1908.

BIRDS AND CATS.

Dear Mr. Park:—For fifteen years I have been a subscriber to your Floral Magazine. I have not only found it very helpful, but have derived much pleasure from it. I have especially enjoyed the letters relating to the old home. I have also recollections of an old home in the country, though many years have passed since I saw it.

I have read all the letters on the bird and cat subject. I like birds, and enjoy watching them and hearing them sing, especially the robin. But I am also very fond of cats. All cats do not kill birds. For the past four years I have lived near the large parks surrounding the Smithsonian and



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Agricultural buildings, which are the homes of numerous birds and gray squirrels. And, although I have had from one to three cats, not one has ever killed a bird. My cats are well fed, well cared for, and always shut in at night (for their protection). I know cats do sometimes kill birds. But why be so hard on them? If they kill a rat or mouse, we commend them; we do not know how often a mother is killed from her young. I can imagine a young rat or mouse would suffer the pangs of starvation as keenly as a young bird. I read recently that a million robins had been killed last winter in Louisiana, Audubon's native state. That is Audubon with a vengeance! I think the wholesale slaughter of birds which can do but little if any harm, is inhuman. Killing, slaying them alive for adornment, is barbarous. And the man who trains dogs to kill cats, I should class as a barbarian. There may be too many cats, but the best way to overcome that is to dispose of the superfluous little ones before they see light.

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Plymouth, Conn., May 13, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am an old lady, as well as an old subscriber (over 80 years of age), have taken your Magazine for a great many years. I like it very much, especially your letters to children. Your advice and ideas are so good. Your Editorial letters, also, have a moral and refining influence that gives them special value. I love flowers very much, and suppose I will as long as I live. Mrs. J. H. Pollock.

Wayne Co., O., March 13, 1908.

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BIRDS AND CATS.

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Waynoka, Okla.

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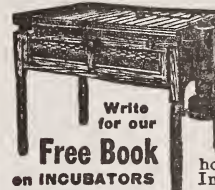
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GOSSIP.

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THE SLAUGHTER OF THE BIRDS.

The following article on the slaughter of the birds is from the Christian Herald. If the statement is true it would be well for those who live in the South to see that laws for bird protection are passed and observed. It is true that the song birds are becoming scarcer each year, and if we would avoid the extermination of many species, as the naturalists report from England, more effort must be made than in the past for bird protection.—Ed.

With what delight we watch for the first robin, and how happy we are when we hear his cheery note and catch the first flash of his crimson breast! In many Northern localities it has been noted with regret that there are fewer robins than of old, and robin-lovers have been troubled to account for the fact. In the South, from Virginia to Florida, the robin is accounted a table delicacy, and is killed by hundreds and thousands during the winter months. Small boys get fifty and sixty cents a dozen at the hotels for dead robins; negroes shoot them as they lodge in the cedar bushes, and while mocking-birds are protected by law, no legal shield saves the little robin from its cruel fate. To those who love the robin for its song, and who know what a friendly neighbor it is around Northern homes, it seems like vandalism that robins should be slaughtered for food.

The slaughter of birds unnecessarily, either for the table or for decorative purposes, is a crime against nature, and nature will surely exact reprisals in the day of her harvesting. Why should not bird-lovers everywhere, both North and South, take steps at once to protect the birds from wanton destruction? Unless something is done speedily, a great joy will disappear from our common life.

Newspapers in every part of the land should call attention to this wrong. Many an evil would be corrected if only public attention were focused upon it. The song-birds cannot save themselves.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Sisters:—Since I first knew Park's Floral Magazine, (which was a good while ago, 22 years) it has altered some in form, but has not at all degenerated. I miss the names of older writers, but new writers have taken their place, plainly showing that the Magazine has not decreased in popularity. I know it has been great company to me in my life, and I doubt not the same is true with others, as well as the children, who have their corner, too, in our cherished Magazine. I write to request some information: I have not succeeded with some shrubs and vines which do not seem to be hardy. The following were utter failures: Kudzu Vines or Jack's Bean Stalk. It grew one summer, then died; American Beauty Rose, which grew likewise; Xanthoceras, which thrived valiantly the first season, and then with equal intensity of purpose, died. A Japanese Snowball died a slow but effectual death in three years; Lily of the Valley Vine, Crimson Rambler, and St. Peter's Wreath Spiraea also died. Can anyone enlighten me as to the culture of these plants in the cold north? Tuscarora.

Yarmouth, N. S., Apr. 8, 1908

BIRD-CATCHING CATS.

A lady from New York state deplors (as all people should) the killing of birds for personal adornment, but at the same time favors the keeping of bird-catching cats, saying that nature wisely gave them their blood-thirsty nature and habits, and that they do not recognize the difference between a bird and a rat as a matter of prey. This idea can hardly be sustained. A cat can be taught the difference, and really knows it just as well as a dog knows that it should not kill sheep. But show me a dog that sneaks away at night for several miles from home and kills some sheep, and I will show you a dog that will keep up that habit as long as he lives. The only way to do with such a dog is to kill him. You never can reform him. The same is true of a bird-catching cat. You never can reform it. It is out after birds evening, night and morning, and in summer is useless as a mouser. Get rid of it just as the farmer gets rid of his sheep-dog. It is an enemy of humanity's welfare as well as of the birds, and does not deserve life.—Ed.

DETESTING.

Detest nothing, small or great!
Things I love why should you hate?
Flowers that are to heaven a-kin,
Why detest? Detest but sin.

Littleton, Col., Aug. 8, 1908.

D. L. T.

EXCHANGES.

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Bulbs, plants and seeds for bulbs, plants and seeds. Write Mrs. L. A. Pollock, Hohenwald, B 29, R 3, Tenn.

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Morning Glory and Poppy seeds for bulbs or rooted slips. Mrs. Florence B. King, Sunny Side, Wash.

Wax Hoya, Umb. Plant, Ger. for Sansevera Zeylanica Weeping Lantana, etc. Ina Burr, Central Square, N. Y.

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